

Note from AFA President – Iran, Cyber, CTBT

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AFA members, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, and DOCA members, after Iran launched its satellite, I searched for public information about the launch - what kind of missile was used, why type of propellant, where did they get the technology, etc. The best piece I could find came from the Wall Street Journal. You can find it on our website at this link: http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2009/edop_2-21-09_pg11.asp

Secondly, in the last 30 days, some \$30M was stolen from ATMs around the world ... all within 30 minutes. The country of Kyrgyzstan experienced a major attack on some of its websites. The short article at this site details US progress in the cyber area and points to the urgency of addressing this area in the future.
http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2009/edop_2-21-09_pg10.asp

Finally, there have been many calls for changes in our nuclear posture. One change has been the call for the Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). A former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense has laid out reasons why we should not ratify the treaty. You can find his piece at:
http://www.afa.org/EdOp/2009/edop_2-21-09_pg9.asp

For your consideration.

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